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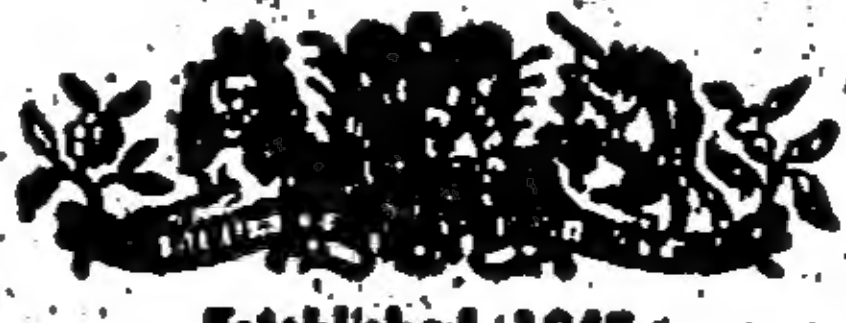
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MUST the visit to Britain of Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev be written off as a futile waste of time and effort? Not entirely, we believe. It was never expected to produce dramatic agreements or formulae for the immediate settlement of outstanding international problems.

One of Sir Anthony Eden's intentions behind his original invitation to the Soviet leaders was to create an opportunity for a discussion, in an atmosphere free of propaganda, just what the rulers of Russia meant by co-existence, whether or not there was any hope for flexibility in the Soviet attitude towards disarmament, and to what extent Russia was prepared to help compose the Middle East situation.

There is reason to believe that in the course of their frank exchange of views, the British Prime Minister has had some of the questions answered and that he now possesses a much clearer idea of the lines along which the Soviet leaders think and upon which Russian policy is framed. The knowledge may not bring solutions to international problems appreciably nearer, but it assists in the task of assessing Soviet intentions.

SOME regret has already been expressed in London at the failure to date to narrow differences of opinion, but as the talks were designed to be exploratory, anything approaching a unification of concepts could not be expected. But it may be assumed there has been a considerable clarifying of viewpoints, and to this extent the discussions have served a purpose.

For the most part the behaviour and public speech of the two visitors have been exemplary. Mr Khrushchev was rather tactless when he boasted about Russia's ability to drop a hydrogen bomb from an aeroplane, but equally tactless was Mr Gaitskell's quest for about freeing Social Democrats in Russia and the satellite countries at a function which was certain to be reported. Mr Gaitskell could quite easily have done his probing in private and might, as a result, have been accorded a more gracious and encouraging hearing.

Apart from that incident, the Soviet leaders appear to have displayed ready willingness to listen to the views and opinions of other people. Significantly they spent an hour last night discussing disarmament with Mr Harold Stassen, the American representative on the UN disarmament subcommittee.

PUBLICLY, in addition to expounding their theme of co-existence, Bulganin and Khrushchev have made known what they considered to be part of their mission to Britain—expansion of Anglo-Soviet trade through the abolition of the ban on strategic goods. They could not, in all conscience, expect to make much headway with such a proposition, tempting though their bait.

To a nation such as Britain, struggling with an adverse balance of payments and seriously reduced gold reserves, the inducement to expand trade with Russia on the lines proposed by the Soviet leaders is not easy to resist. But honour-bound, Sir Anthony has rejected the offer. Thus the Soviet leaders must return empty-handed to Moscow, and this knowledge undoubtedly has caused the freezing-up of the visitors' cordiality.

# AMAZING CLARIDGES 'SCRUM'

★ Glasses Smashed ★ Wine Spilt ★ Guests Pushed ★ Guards Bulldoze

BUT Mr K, CALM IN A CRISIS, TURNS ON THE CHARM

He ★ Whispers To Lady Eden ★ Smiles ★ And Says A Warm 'Goodnight'

London, Apr. 24.  
Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev were the central figures tonight in one of the most amazing receptions in diplomatic history.

The reception given by the Soviet Embassy developed into what guests described as a "rugby scrum" in the palatial ballroom of the elegant Claridges Hotel. Glasses were crushed under foot, high vases of flowers swayed dangerously and burly Soviet security guards bulldozed their way through about 2,000 distinguished guests.

Ambassadors, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament and heads of the Diplomatic Corps were caught up in a fantastic struggle to get through the Russian guard to see the Soviet leaders at close quarters.

Wine and food was spilt on the gowns of society women.

At one point, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, was moved bodily away from the ever-smiling Mr Khrushchev.

During the evening Mr Khrushchev brushed aside leading socialites to put comedian Charlie Chaplin in the limelight at this bizarre gathering.

Mr Khrushchev in twinkling form, and showing none of the strain which has caused him to curtail his tour, reserved his warmest greeting for him and his glamorous wife, Oona.

He said: "I am so very glad to meet you. We have very great respect for your films in the

Soviet Union. I have seen them all many times."

The two men clinked glasses in a toast while huge Soviet bodyguards, acting on Mr Khrushchev's orders, pushed aside guests to allow cameramen to record the scene.

Mrs Chaplin was pushed almost across a table by the throng.

When Mr Chaplin eventually rescued her and introduced her to Mr Khrushchev, the Soviet leader said "I am very sorry. We are in a storm here tonight."

He then escorted Mr and Mrs Chaplin to a private room for a talk.

## Mills Close Down: HK Blamed

Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 25.  
Leaders of Britain's cotton industry warned last night that rising pay costs will cause more mills hit by low-wage competition from Hongkong and India than that down.

Their extra pay bill will now be 2.5 million a year. Average earnings of men in the mills tops £10 a week for the first time.

In the Burnley and Nelson areas where mills are shutting down because of low-wage competition, owners said the increases weren't justified. More than 60 workers at Burnley read this notice yesterday: "We regret that as a result of the importation of cloth from Hongkong, and the present government's refusal to take any action to control the flow of cloth into this country, the management are left with no alternative but to close the mill and dispose of its machinery."

Mr Ernest Smalley, a Director of the mill, said: "This is a mill which never had any short-time working. We struggled and struggled to beat the imports of imported cloth, sixpence a yard cheaper than our own. We can't do it—even if we put in automatic looms on three shifts."

## CYPRUS TENSE AFTER BIG RIOT

Greeks Searched In Nicosia

Nicosia, Apr. 24.

British paratroopers today screened every male in the Greek quarter of Nicosia after 24 hours of the worst violence the island remembers.

When the curfew imposed on the city yesterday was lifted from the Turkish sector, mobs went round smashing and burning Greek-owned shops in revenge for the murder of two Turks, until the curfew was clamped down again.

A helicopter flew over to direct the firemen, and spotted nine fires. Many were still smouldering late in the day.

In the Greek quarter, with its 20,000 population, there was mass curfew-breaking. Army patrols were met with shouts of "Give us bread."

The third battalion of the parachute brigade swept into the Greek quarters of Nicosia from all sides soon after midnight.

### Funeral Held

The paratroopers went from house to house knocking at the doors and asking the men to come outside.

The funeral of Nihat Vassif, Turkish police constable killed yesterday, was held today at Ayia Sophia Mosque.

As the Turkish quarters were curfewed, few Turks were allowed to attend the ceremony. Most of the cortege was made up of British and Cypriot police officers and a military escort with 500 guns.

A crowd of about 1,000 Turks—men, women and children—marched through Famagusta's old city today carrying the British flag and shouting "We want

revenge" and "We want Greek blood."

They broke through an Army cordon at the old city gates and entered the new town in procession. Troops followed the Turks. No incidents occurred.

The Turks later returned to the old city but continued their processions alongside the Venetian walls, shouting slogans.—Reuter.

## Two Dead, 39 Hurt In Explosion

New York, Apr. 24.

Two men were killed and 39 others were injured, six of them critically, today when a sewer line exploded at the Sinclair Refining Company plant at Trainer, Pennsylvania.

The blast showered debris and jagged, charcoal-like pieces of metal over an area of several blocks. Physicians said some of the injured had "thousands of small, knife-like wounds all over their body."—United Press.

## EDWARD G. JR. 'IN SUICIDE BID'

Santa Monica, Apr. 24.

Edward G. Robinson, Jr., son of the actor, was in serious condition at Santa Monica hospital today after attempting to commit suicide, according to police. Officers called by a friend of young Robinson found him

## CRUCIAL S'PORE MEETING TODAY

London, Apr. 24.  
British and Singapore ministers today hold what authoritative sources expect to be a crucial meeting of their three-day-old negotiations on independence.

Sources said virtually the whole success or failure of the private talks may hinge on what stand Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, takes on how internal security should be controlled in an independent Singapore.

The sources said that it, as generally expected, Mr Lennox-Boyd stands firm on his public statement that external and internal defences are intertwined, the talks will run into very heavy weather.

For the all-party delegation of 13 from Singapore it would then be a critical question of whether to admit failure of their "Merdeka" (Freedom) mission, in which they are demanding full control of internal security or to seek a compromise.

### A 'FULL LOAF'

Hitherto Mr David Marshall, the Chief Secretary has let it be known that though he is willing to, in an independent Singapore, leave external defence and guidance of foreign affairs in British hands, internal security must be the sole responsibility of the elected ministers.

Mr Marshall has said that he would not be content with "half a loaf." He must have the "full loaf" and if his mission fails he will resign.

The sources said that there was a feeling among some members of the Singapore delegation that if the worst came, of worst they should for the time being accept as much as they can get from Britain by working out a compromise formula.—Reuter.

## HOW THE 'STORM' STARTED

The "storm" started while he and Marshal Bulganin were talking with Sir Anthony Eden and a few privileged guests in a small room at the end of the main reception hall.

As the 2,000 guests arrived it became known that the two guests of honour were in the far room.

About 200 people tried to move through the large double doors but were stopped by a group of plain clothes Soviet police, all six-footers.

Exceptions were made for leading personalities in London such as Mr Herbert Morrison, the former Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and Mr Juan Hsiang, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires.

### DRINK VODKA?

In the room filled with lights for cameramen the Russian leaders chatted with the Prime Minister and his wife, Lady Eden.

Mr Khrushchev invited Lady Eden to drink vodka, but on her husband's advice she chose a Georgian wine.

Leaning forward, Mr Khrushchev whispered an inaudible remark in Lady Eden's ear. She in turn passed the comment to the Prime Minister and together they drank what Sir Anthony Eden called "a secret toast."

London has rarely seen such a reception as this held in the luxurious Claridges Hotel where the Soviet leaders are staying.

The vodka and caviare reception caused equally amazing crowd scenes outside the hotel.

### TRAFFIC JAM

Hundreds of the guests invited by the Soviet Embassy had to queue to gain entrance.

Many jostled one another at the ballroom entrance, while a traffic jam developed in the street.

Major Gwilym Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, tried for five minutes to enter the hotel and then had to be escorted into Claridges through another entrance by a member of the staff.

So did Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, to make a speech, but he declined amicably and left the room to the strains of the song "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The reception had lasted nearly three hours, when the Soviet leaders returned to their suite.—Reuter.

## 'GREATEST LIVING ARTIST' SAYS MR KHRUSHCHEV

London, Apr. 24.  
Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev tonight invited Charlie Chaplin to visit the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Cultural Minister said this tonight.

The invitation was made during a diplomatic reception given at Claridges Hotel by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Jacob Malik.

Mr Khrushchev said to Chaplin: "We consider you are the greatest living artist."—France-Press.



'The Great Dictator'

## And In Between Drinks... STASSEN HAS TALKS ON DISARMAMENT

London, Apr. 24.  
Marshal Bulganin, Mr Khrushchev, Mr Harold Stassen, chief disarmament adviser to President Eisenhower, and Mr James Callaghan, a leading member of the Labour Party, discussed disarmament issues at a meeting tonight.

This impromptu gathering of Soviet, American and British politicians took place during the reception to the Soviet leaders at Claridges Hotel.

Others present included Mr Jakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Sir William Hayter, British Ambassador in Moscow.

The meeting had not been arranged in advance and took place over an elaborate buffet meal in a private room in the hotel.

## Big International Airport For S'pore

London, Apr. 24.  
British engineers today revealed plans to build a new Singapore airport.

When completed it will be among the first five international airports in the world. Mr John Jeffries Bryan, who designed the runways and terminal buildings of the present airport, described some of the problems he had to face in enlarging it.

## Valleys To Be Filled

year "it is no easy matter to clear the site of more than 30,000 palm trees," he said. It was also necessary to shift five million tons of earth.

He said valleys 30 feet deep had to be filled. Fifty-foot excavations were also needed to

## Jewish Call For Big Four Pact

Jerusalem, Apr. 24.

Dr Nahum Goldhamer of New York, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, today called for a "Big Four" agreement as a means of restoring peace between Israel and the Arab states.

He was making the opening speech at the 24th World Zionist Congress.—Reuter.

## Big International Airport For S'pore

complete the 8,000-foot runway.

The site of the new international airport is about seven miles from the business centre of Singapore city. It will have access to the main land of Malaya. The Military, Air and Naval bases of Singapore will also be near the site.

About 600 workers are already employed on the project.—United Press.

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# ANGLO-SOVIET MINISTERS TO TACKLE VIETNAM

London, Apr. 24.

British and Soviet ministers tomorrow make a new effort to hammer out a plan for the future of divided Vietnam calculated to keep the peace between the Communist and anti-Communist forces in the country.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, and the Minister of State at the British Foreign Office, the Marquess of Reading, meet tomorrow afternoon and again on Thursday.

Diplomatic sources said they hope to receive an affirmative reply to their message sent last week to the three-power Truce Supervision Commission in Vietnam—India, Poland and Canada—asking it to continue functioning for the present.

the French High Command pulls out of South Vietnam. France is but South Vietnam is not a signatory to the Indo-China armistice agreement.

Britain and Russia have assumed special responsibility for the Indo-China armistice following the joint chairmanship of their foreign secretaries of the conference which negotiated it.

### Believed Discussed

Mr. Gromyko and Lord Reading are seeking a formula for an eventual political settlement and temporary arrangements under which the Truce Commission can continue to function in the meanwhile.

The Vietnam problem is believed to have been discussed at last week's Anglo-Soviet conversations at Chequers, the British Prime Minister's country residence—Reuter.

### The Problems

The problems facing the Anglo-Soviet ministers, who represent the British and Soviet co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference on Indo-China which negotiated the present armistice, are:

1. The failure of the anti-Communist South Vietnam Government and the Communist North Vietnam Government to arrange to unite the country by general elections next July as laid down in the armistice.

2. The difficulties facing the Truce Supervision Commission which had expected that its functions would end when the planned elections were held.

These difficulties may be intensified after Saturday when

## MAINTAIN AFRO-ASIAN UNITY CALL

Djakarta, Apr. 24. The Prime Minister of Indonesia, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, tonight appealed to Asian and African nations to maintain their new-found unity which was making a major contribution to world peace.

In an address at a reception to mark the anniversary of the close of last year's Bandung conference he said Asian and African nations must continue their fight against colonialism.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo spoke in a garden decorated with flags of 29 nations which attended the Bandung conference.

He reiterated that China and a number of other countries had yet to be admitted to the United Nations and made a plea for the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes—Reuter.

Kathmandu, Apr. 24. The Japanese expedition attempting to climb Mt. Manaslu left camp four at the 20,500-foot level last Saturday to establish camp five, according to a message received here today.—United Press.

## NON-MILITARY FIELDS INTEREST NATO

Ottawa, Apr. 24.

The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. L. P. Pearson, today welcomed as "encouraging" and "hopeful" the statement on NATO by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Mr. Pearson said in the House of Commons External Affairs Committee that NATO co-operation in the non-military fields will be the main subject for discussion at next month's Paris meeting of the North Atlantic Council, which he will attend.

He said that the ideal situation in NATO would be for individual members, no matter how powerful, to consult with other nations before taking any action likely to affect the others. In the last year or so, the feeling had strengthened in NATO that one country should not adopt a policy which would affect the others without prior consultation.

### Consulted U.S.

At another point, Mr. Pearson said Canada had consulted with the United States and other NATO members about the coming NATO meeting. All felt that the non-military aspects of NATO should be developed, particularly in view of the change in Soviet tactics. He himself had talked with Mr. Dulles about this.

Mr. Pearson said defence was a paramount but not exclusive

importance in NATO and members should realise that NATO was not likely to survive solely as a military alliance—Reuter.

## Seamen's Union Calls Off Boycott

Singapore, Apr. 24.

The ten thousand strong Singapore Seamen's Council of Action has withdrawn its threat to boycott ships with recruit seamen from the Pamban "at the expense of the funds."

The Council's chairman, Mr. S. Jagannathan, said the local agents of the shipping line which recently replaced 24 local seamen with Hongkong men had asked to meet him today and he wanted a cordial atmosphere.

He said he would try to get the local men reinstated or paid compensation.

The men's discharge sparked off a storm of protest from the colony's Seamen's Unions in the Council of Action.

The unions are calling a mass meeting of all seamen and waterfront workers to consider "appropriate action."—Reuter.

A new type of fibre glass hut "Igloo" is being tested by certain ground units of the US Fleet Marine Force. The hut, 20 feet wide and varying in length from 20 to 60 feet, is ideal for units requiring cleanliness and temperature control, since it is equipped with its own heating and air-conditioning units. The 2,000-pound structure can be erected by six Marines in about 45 minutes, is the result of three years' research. Picture top shows the Igloo being used in the field. Picture bottom is a view of the experimental Igloo, with its air-conditioning units in the foreground. This prefabricated unit can be taken apart for air delivery and dropped by parachute.—Express Photo.

## Dutch Antilles Govt & Governor Crisis

Amsterdam, Apr. 24.

THE Netherlands Antilles Governor, Mr. A. A. M. Struycken, arrived at Schiphol Airport near here today from the West Indies for talks with the Dutch Government on the crisis in relations between him and the Antilles Government.

The Netherlands Antilles Premier, Mr. E. Jonckheer, has already been in Holland for ten days discussing the crisis with Dutch Cabinet ministers. The crisis came to a head a few weeks ago when Governor Struycken, Queen Juliana's representative and, the head of the Antilles Government, refused to approve an Antilles Cabinet decision allowing the newly appointed Antilles Justice Minister to continue his private lawyer's practice.

Sources close to the Antilles Government, quoted by the Netherlands News Agency, said last week confidence in the Governor had been so shaken that a solution could only be found "by replacing the Governor as soon as possible."

Asked whether he thought a compromise was possible, Governor Struycken told journalists "I don't think I need have an opinion on this. Where there is a will there is a way."

"Moreover, one should not forget in Holland the climate is always cooler than in the West Indies..."—Reuter.

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# MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN SLAUGHTERED

## French Launch Big Offensive

### Against Rebels

#### MORE REINFORCEMENTS FOR TUNISIA AND ALGERIA

Algiers, Apr. 24.

French troops were today reported to have launched a big offensive in the wild Kabylie region of Western Algeria where rebel gangs have burned pro-French villages and massacred more than 100 men, women and children.

French officials say that more than 120 villages in Kabylie had been asked for French protection. Some had been supplied with arms for defence, and one of these, Ferrouk, which had set up a pro-French militia, repelled the weekend "rebel" raiders, who fled to the mountains leaving one dead.

Between Boune and La Calle, 30 outlaws were killed when French paratroopers in helicopters swept down to engage a large prowling band. Two thousand French troops embarked in two troopships at Marseilles today to reinforce the troops in Algeria and Tunisia. —Reuter.

### HEAVY OIL DEPOSITS IN NORTH IRAN

Tehran, Apr. 24.

Teams of American and Swiss geologists have discovered heavy oil deposits in North Iran near the Soviet border, an Iranian official said today.

The official, Saham Soliman Bayati, Director of Iran's nationalised petroleum industry, said this marked the first time since World War Two that the Soviet Union had allowed Iran to prospect the northern area without protest. Mr Bayati said the two teams, one Swiss and the other American, had prospected the Mazenderan Province on the banks of the Caspian Sea in the past two months.

## RUSSIAN INTEREST

He said Iran would start drilling in the area shortly to ascertain whether the deposits warranted setting up a refinery on the Caspian Sea. The Soviet Union took a lively interest in North Iran's oil potential after World War Two. In 1946, a Soviet-Iran agreement was signed calling for a mixed company to seek oil deposits near the Caspian. The agreement was annulled by a parliamentary decree in 1947. It had become meaningless after the Government of Premier Mossadegh had nationalised Iran's petroleum industry. —France-Press.

### Chameleon Wants A Mate

Capetown, Apr. 24.

A Persian chameleon breeder has commissioned American Embassy officials in South Africa to find him a male South African chameleon to mate with a Persian variety.

Mr E.T. Wallis, United States Ambassador in South Africa, has received a letter from Mr W.J. Gallman, former American ambassador in South Africa, now in Persia, asking for a "strong healthy" South African chameleon.

Mr John Stone, American Consul in Capetown, says that he is sure that the Persian collector must be somebody influential, otherwise no such request would be sent through diplomatic channels.

The matter has been referred to Mr L. Smith, American agricultural attache in Pretoria. —China Mail Special.

### Go Slow Threat Postponed

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 24.

National Union Plantation Workers who had threatened to go slow in the rubber plantation industry tonight decided after an all-day meeting that it should wait until May 10 before imposing go slow.

The union wants to reopen negotiations on their demand for higher wages, which would entail employers increasing wages from present wage of under three dollars to just under six dollars a day.

The union announced in a press statement that its full executive committee had ordered actions of "unlawful" picketing and given negotiators "full powers" to negotiate "satisfactory" wage agreement before May 10. —Reuter.

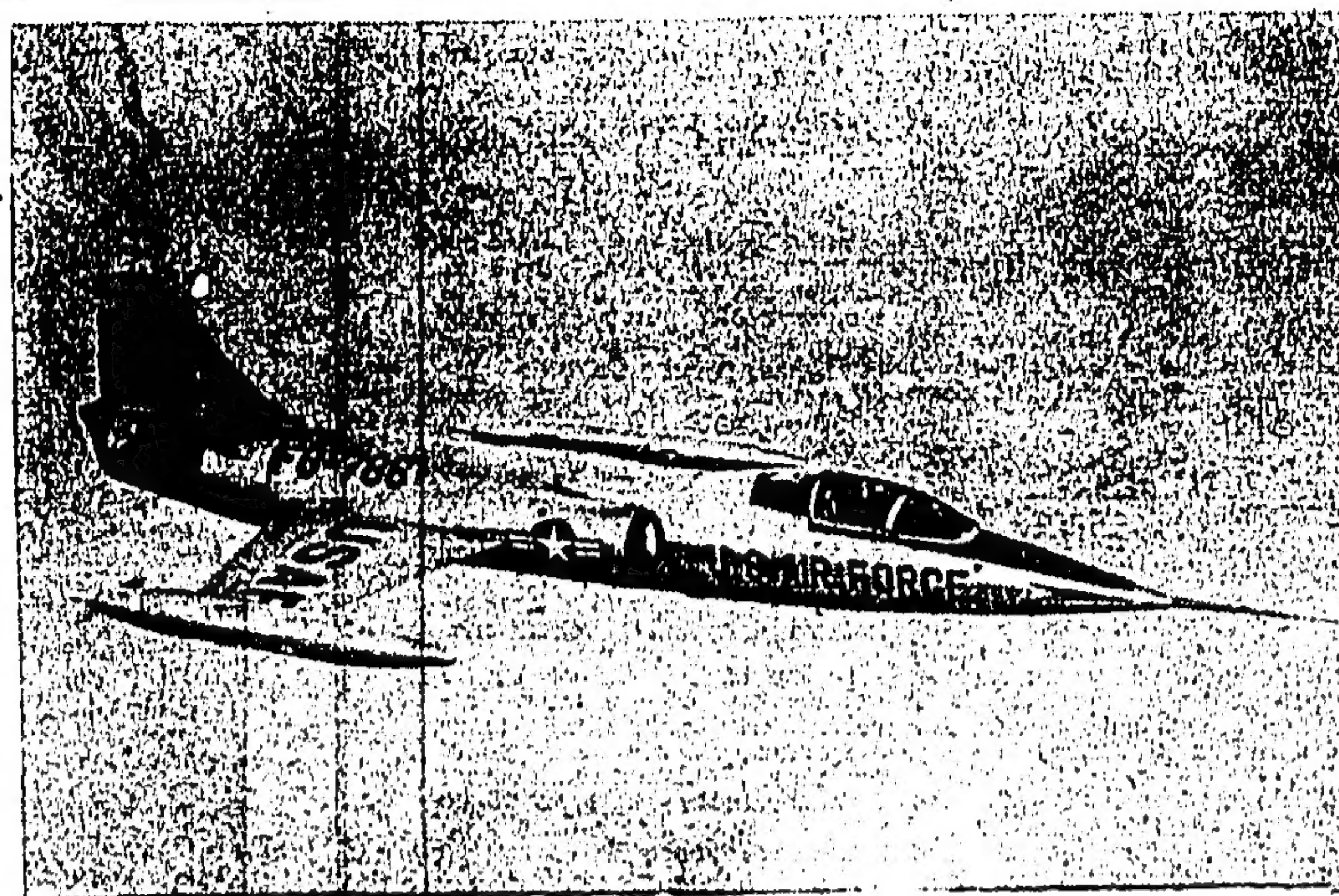
### Genghis Khan's Sword Found

Istanbul, Apr. 24.

A goldsmith in Samsun, Northern Turkey, claims to have found the sword of Genghis Khan, the Mongol conqueror (1162-1227), and a gun belonging to Lion Gray, Khan of the Crimeas.

The sword of the Genghis Khan is twisted at its point. —China Mail Special.

## NEW UNITED STATES ULTRASONIC JET



First details of the American Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's new ultrasonic F-104A Starfighter — pictured here in flight — have just been released. The Starfighter has been described as the world's fastest combat aircraft, one that could carry atom bombs if necessary. A day-and-night fighter powered by the new General Electric U-70 engine, the plane is fitted with "razor blade" wings so sharp that the leading edges have to be guarded with felt when not in flight for the protection of ground crew. Top speed is secret, but it is claimed that the Starfighter's speed in a climb is equal to that in level flight. —Express Photo.

## Whaling Ships Still Under Arrest

### PARTIES FAIL TO AGREE

Rotterdam, Apr. 24.

Two whaling factory ships, one owned by the Greek shipping magnate Mr Aristotle Onassis, and the other by a Norwegian company were still under arrest here tonight, after the parties had failed to agree on a proposal by the president of a Rotterdam court to deposit a guarantee.

At today's court proceedings, the president suggested that both parties should deposit a bank guarantee of one million guilders (£100,000 sterling) so that the arrests could be raised. The ships involved the 13,019-ton factory ship Olympic Challenger, owned by Mr Onassis, and the Norwegian whaling factory ship Kosmos III (18,460 tons), are moored alongside each other in the port of Vlaardingen, near Rotterdam.

## Alleged Violation

The Olympic Challenger was arrested last Friday, following a complaint by the Norwegian Whaling Association. Seven companies in this association are claiming compensation for alleged violation of the International Whaling Convention in the 1952-53 Antarctic season. The Kosmos III was arrested by court order yesterday at the request of the Australian Fisheries Commercial SA, the Panamanian shipping company directed by Mr Onassis, which is claiming 10 million guilders (£1 million sterling) for losses sustained through the arrest of their ship by the Norwegian Whaling Association.

## Gun Battle Rages In Islands

Taipei, Apr. 24.

Nationalist and Chinese Communist artillery opened fire today at both ends of the 150 miles string of Nationalist-held islands, lining the Communist mainland.

A Nationalist Defence Ministry communique tonight said the firing which began in mid-afternoon, was still continuing on its "northern front." Communist batteries on Ching-yu, a small island southwest of Quemoy, opened up against Nationalist-held Erbin island, off Amoy, at 3.40 p.m. Later, Communist shore batteries at Huangshi, opposite Matsu island, opened fire on Kaoteng. Nationalist guns hit back and the gun duel was still in progress, the communique said. —France-Press.

### London To Moscow By Air: 15 Hours

London, Apr. 24.

Britons will be able to reach Moscow from London in 15 hours, beginning today. A new bi-weekly flight of the KLM Royal Dutch lines will link London with Warsaw. The Warsaw-to-Moscow air passenger service will be handled by the Soviet Aeroflot line. The round-trip from London to Moscow and back, tourist class, costs £140. Air travellers to Moscow previously had to go via Helsinki or Prague. —France-Press.

## FEWER MAU MAU IN PRISON

Nairobi, Apr. 24.

The number of Mau Mau convicts in Kenya prisons has dropped from about 18,000 to less than 12,000 in the past six months, according to an official of the Ministry of Defence.

The majority of the convicts were serving sentences of five or six years, he said.

Because ex-convicts cannot be released to their home for security reasons, many are sentenced to life terms. They are detained and subjected to rehabilitation. Then they have a chance of being released to work and district camps like other detainees.

## ALTERED LITTLE

Because of the high rate of releases from the prisons to detention camps, the number of Mau Mau detainees has altered little in the past three months, and now stands at about 43,000, the official said.

He added that many of the remaining convicts would complete their sentences in the next year or so and that a special committee was reviewing all convicts' cases with a view to speeding up the turn-over from prisons to detention camps. Mau Mau detainees, unlike convicts, have never been tried in court but are held as security risks under Emergency regulations. —China Mail Special.

## KIM IL SUNG FOR BULGARIA

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

Kim Il Sung, Communist Premier of North Korea, has accepted an invitation to visit Bulgaria, Peiding radio reported today.

Quoting from a Korean Central News Agency report, the broadcast said "the Bulgarian Government extended this invitation with a view to strengthening the friendship and co-operation between Bulgaria and the Korean Democratic People's Republic." It added that Mr Sung already had agreed to tour Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania. —United Press.

## Polish Parliament Told To Act By Constitution

Warsaw, Apr. 24.

Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz today called for an end to government by decree in Poland by strengthening the powers of the Polish Parliament.

Speaking before the opening session of the Polish Parliament, the Premier said: "We want the Parliament to become what the constitution stipulates: The supreme legislative body controlling the activity of all the organs of the state."

Mr Cyrankiewicz told the first session of the Polish Parliament to be held since the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow, that decrees were only an exception, while the laws adopted by Parliament were the rule.

He sharply criticised the fact that until now, the Polish Parliament had limited its activities to rubber-stamping governmental decrees.

## Police Reduced

In order that the Parliament played its necessary role, it was necessary that state bodies and above all the Government adopted an appropriate attitude, Mr Cyrankiewicz said.

Turning to recent measures concerning the police and legal system, Mr Cyrankiewicz said that state security agencies have been reduced and reorganised under a committee for security matters.

He added that a system was at present being worked out to "insure strict respect for the rights of the human person." —France-Press.

## US Physicists For Moscow

Washington, Apr. 24.

At least 14 American physicists had been invited to attend a conference on "high energy physics" in Moscow next month, the National Science Foundation (NSF) said here today.

The NSF said it would pay travelling expenses to and from Moscow—to those granted passports.

A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission said, "We advised the State Department we had no objection to the issuing of passports under normal procedure."

A State Department source said he understood passports would be issued to those attending. —China Mail Special.

### Tanker Blocks Suez Canal

Cairo, Apr. 24.

One of Greek shipowner, Aristotle Onassis's oil-tankers, the Malek Scoud today held up shipping in the Suez Canal for 12 hours when a mooring cable jammed its propeller.

The Malek Scoud, which was bound with a cargo of 38,000 tons of fuel oil for Le Havre was held up at the Imballia end of Lake Timah. The line of ships behind could not pass and had to wait until the tanker was able to proceed. —France-Press.

### Saarland Parliament Readjustment

Saarbruecken, Apr. 24.

The Saarland Parliament today made the Democratic Party of Nationalist Dr Heinrich Schneider into the second largest party in Parliament.

It took one seat off the former Autonomist Christian Popular Party and awarded 1 to the Democrats. This makes the line-up of Parliamentary strength:

Christian Democrats (pro-German) 14, Democrats (pro-German) 13, Christian Populars 12, Social Democrats (pro-German) 9, Communists 2.

Dr Schneider had challenged a clause of the electoral law for the elections of December 18, 1954. It gave 10 seats to the Neunkirchen constituency, and only 18 to Saarbruecken.

Saarbruecken had more registered electors. The Democrats were strong in Neunkirchen, while the Christian Populars did well in Saarbruecken. —China Mail Special.

### Loudspeaker Pillows

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Small, flat loudspeakers placed on their pillows allow patients in the United States Army hospital here to listen to the radio without neighbours and still not disturb their ward neighbours.

The apparatus, six by three inches, can be heard only from close up. —China Mail Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Circulated (6).
  - 2 Dismisses (5).
  - 3 Nuisance (4).
  - 4 Summary (5).
  - 5 Picture stand (5).
  - 6 Withdraw from (6).
  - 7 Conspiracy (4).
  - 8 Restrict (5).
  - 9 Miscalculation (5).
  - 10 Writes (4).
  - 11 Deserved (6).
  - 12 Superior (5).
  - 13 Optical illusion (6).
  - 14 Wickedness (4).
  - 15 Challenged (5).
  - 16 Bad game (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Spot (4).
  - 2 Expires (4).
  - 3 Tale of heroism (4).
  - 4 Wilderness (6).
  - 5 Spire (7).
  - 6 Hable (7).
  - 7 Picks (7).
  - 8 Stringed instrument (5).
  - 9 Echo (7).
  - 10 Do well (7).
  - 11 Commanded (7).
  - 12 Interior (6).
  - 13 Allow (5).
  - 14 River of Egypt (4).
  - 15 Daybreak (4).
  - 16 Disorder (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Match, 4 Harmed, 8 Decamp, 10 Range, 12 Arrest, 14 Malice, 17 Pose, 19 Steer, 20 Weigher, 22 Exit, 23 Notice, 27 Nocturnal, 28 Snipe, 30 Towler, 31 Lauged, 32 Dense, Down: 1 Madam, 2 Tack, 3 Human, 4 Acro, 6 Mentor, 7 Damned, 9 Present, 11 Aspect, 13 Retreat, 16 Aped, 18 Instep, 19 Bare, 20 Wessel, 21 Lining, 24 Trend, 25 Loden, 29 Spore, 28 Code.



# Nathaniel Gubbins

I AM sorry if I seem a bit sillier than usual this week. It is because I have been re-reading an old edition of Tristram Shandy (or should it be Tristram Phandy?) printed with a long "a" that looks like an "f".

Many years ago when I was a young reporter I did the time thing. I had read Tristram for the first time and was so impressed that I wrote a whole column in this paper. The next editor was kind and I was fired from afterwards.

I was going to write something about our distinguished visitor from Russia, but I continued to use the long "a". I don't see how I can avoid calling them Gubbins, which, even if true, would be most insulting.

So we will leave the Gubbins out and try to write something about the thing.

Oh, the spring the spring, the lovely spring. The birds they sing like anything. Though why they sing there must be doubt.

What have they got to sing about? The cat would howl about their nest. And give them cold in little chest.

And they will cough all night and day. In not for merry month of May.

And after that, in last quiet form. They'll face the fire and frost of June.

Oh little bird could you be dumb? To fly here for an English summer?

At old ballroom often become new ballroom, especially with the far less, this form of writing, and even of talking may well become the rage of the smart set.

Therefore, to be who want to be in the form had better get in a little practice by repeating after me the following, longer-twillers.

She feels sea shells by the sea shore. Fister Fuster's fouting fistrif for foiderf; and The Letth police dymfeth us.

But don't read these aloud at breakfast duceff. You might bombard the duke with loaf crumbs.

## Through the ages

FEW people looking at me now would believe that I was once a beautiful girl slave in ancient Egypt.

But if you believe in re-incarnation, being investigated at the moment by some of the newspapers, you will believe anything.

After being thrown into the Nile because the King of Egypt had grown tired of my charms, I was born again centuries later as one of the 5,000 girl friends of a Sultan of Turkey.

Perhaps I wasn't quite so beautiful on this occasion, because a second look at me was enough for the Sultan, and splash I went into the river once more, this time tied up in a sack weighted with stones.

The next time I was born I was as black as your hat, if you wear a black hat. I was one of the many wives of Mumbo-jumbo, an African king.

But although I had curves that would make Sabrina green with envy (I can still feel the

Tea for two

EXCITED crowds may trample on Grace Kelly, as she leaves for her wedding, but in England, where nobody gets excited except football hooligans, we may consider the story of two elderly women who sat drinking tea in their London kitchen while a fire raged through the rooms upstairs.

Of course, I have no idea what they said during their tea, but I like to think of the conversation taking the normal course.

hot man on my shining body and the rings in my nose). Mumbo-jumbo took a dislike to me and I was in the drink again, eaten by crocodiles on this occasion, if I remember rightly.

After that I was always born a man, usually a four letter man.

As Henry the Eighth I remember getting quite a kick out of having my wives done in, not for the reasons given in the history books but because they were a lot of bodes. I wonder how many men would do the same thing today if they could get away with it?

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In the 18th century I was the dissolute son of a nobleman and died of drink, leaving a trail of debts and broken-hearted dairymaids behind me.

In the early 19th century I became one of the more revolting industrialists who made a fortune grinding the faces of the poor. I also made another fortune grinding the faces of the rich by some livery-poker on the Stock Exchange.

Before the police caught up with me I died of over-eating in the enormous and hideous country mansion I had built with my ill-gotten gains, and with the curses of half the country ringing in my ears.

And that, children, is the story of how it took thousands of years to turn a beautiful slave girl into a melon-headed columnist.

Tea for two

"Another cup, dear?"

"Thanks, dear. Getting a bit smoky, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is, dear. Has Mrs. Whatname had her operation yet?"

"No, dear. But she's had her X-ray and they'll decide next week. It's getting rather hot for the time of year, don't you think?"

"Yes, dear, but after our terrible winter it's quite a treat to feel warm for once. A piece more cake, dear?"

"Thank you, dear. I always look forward to your delicious cake. You make it with butter, of course?"

"No, dear. The best margarine. The secret is in the mixing and the right oven temperature."

★ ★ ★

"You really must show me how you do it one day, dear. That's quite a noise going on upstairs."

"I expect it's the firemen, dear. With their heavy boots. What have you been doing all the morning?"

"Darning the vicar's socks, dear. I think everyone should help now his wife's away. Good gracious me. One of those firemen will be through the ceiling soon."

"A paste sandwich, dear?"

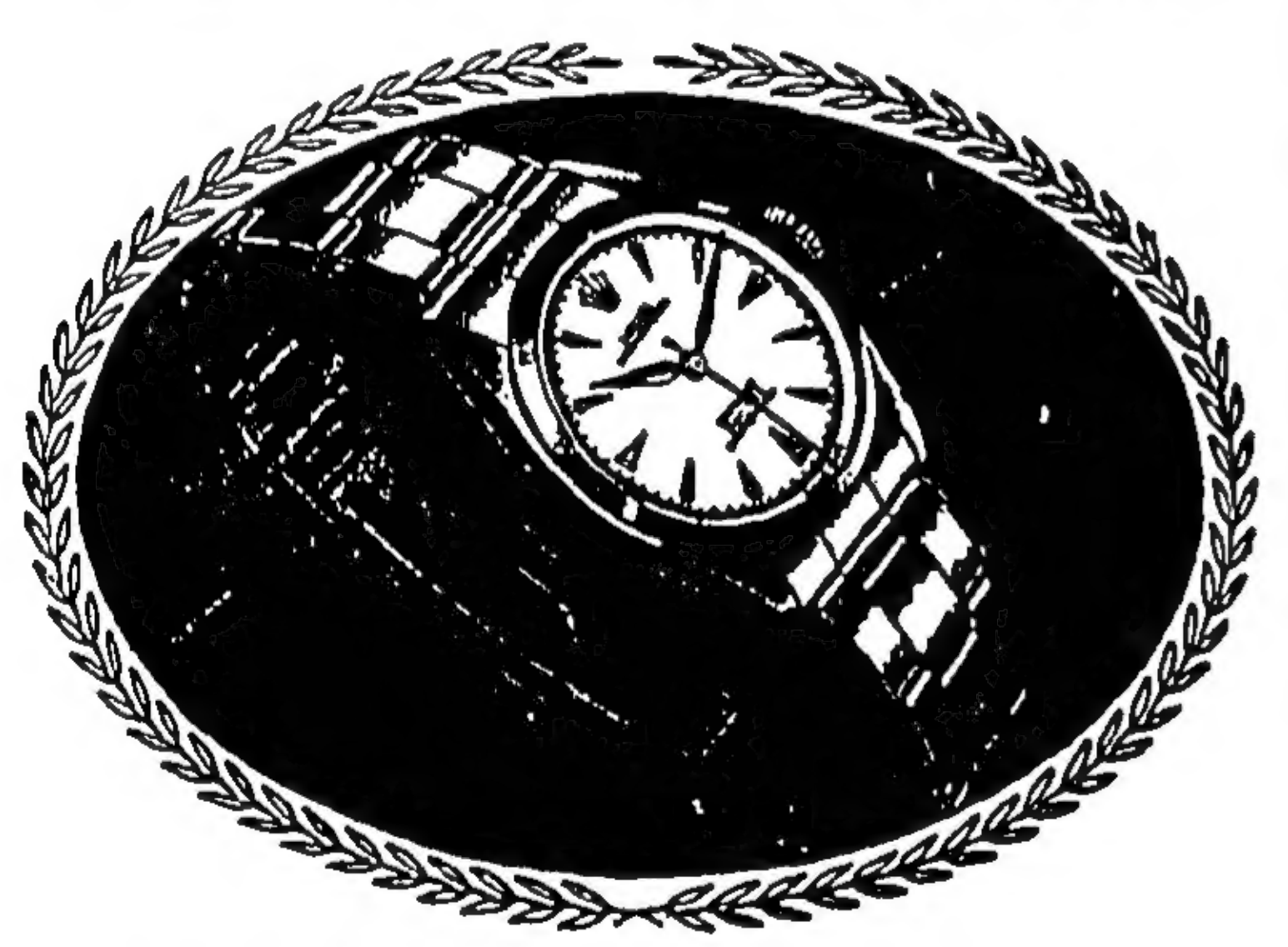
"No, thanks, dear. Do you know, I can hardly see you. I think the smoke must be getting a bit thicker. Shall we fill our cups and take them into the garden?"

"Certainly, dear. If you don't think we'll catch a chill."

"A few minutes won't hurt us, dear. Then we can come back and I'll show you how to mix that cake."

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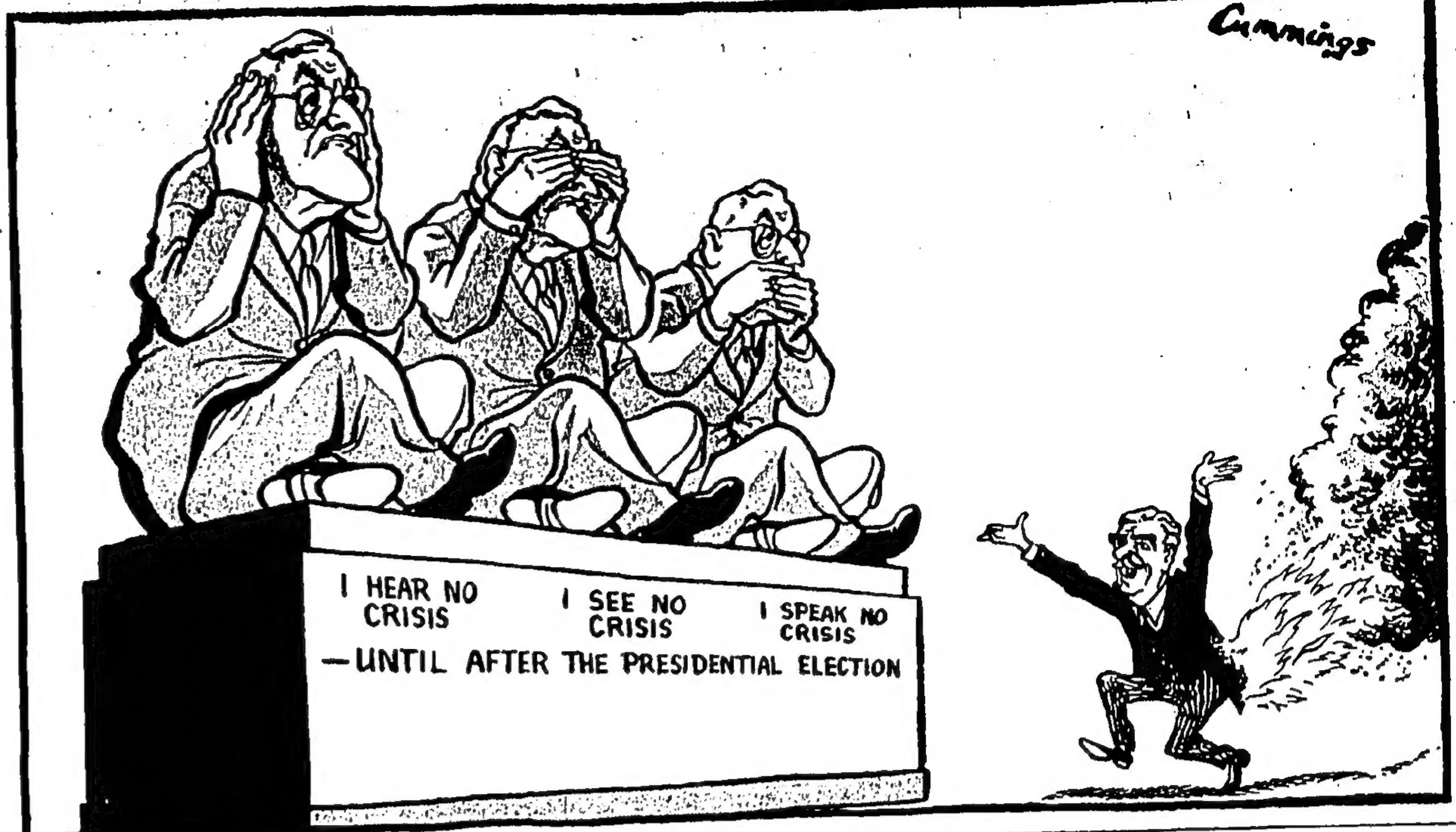
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# A WOMAN COMES BACK FROM TROUBLE ISLAND

CYPRUS . . . . . WHERE GREEKS AND TURKS VIED WITH ONE ANOTHER TO BE HER BODYGUARD

By ANNE SHARPLEY

FROM a three weeks' stay in the "terror island" of Cyprus the chief impression I have brought back is quietude and kindness. The grim, taut picture of troops and terrorism has been overdone.

Greek Cypriots have stopped me in the streets to say: "We love the British. We do not hate them."

Twice during my stay I have been told by Greek Cypriots: "Do not go down there. There is trouble." Once during a Turkish riot I was dragged into a Greek house for safety although I had nothing to fear from the Turks and had further more, a safe-appointed "bodyguard" of Turkish youths looking after me.

## With tears . . .

Even in Eoka, the terrorist organisation, the same state of ambivalence exists. A member of Eoka told me, "Every time we kill a British soldier we do it with tears in our eyes."

In sunny, smiling, superficial Cyprus things are not quite so intense as they sound. Death

strikes suddenly, but horror does not linger.

Emotions flare, a few fanatical men do dreadful deeds for a community that exists mostly in a smiling apathy — and we in Britain conclude these deeds express the feeling of all Greek Cypriots.

But we do not draw the obvious conclusion from the lack of massed spontaneous reaction to the first deportation of the Archbishop and secondly the curfews on Independence Day and Eoka Anniversary Day. That there is none.

It is not that they are afraid of our troops; they know that except for fits of anger when one of their comrades is killed, the troops are far more reliable than their own terrorists.

A massed protest against the curfewing would mean a risk of nothing more terrible than tear gas bombs or spraying with indelible dye — and they knew it. But all too happily they stayed indoors, thankful for a curfew that absolved them from making the protests that Eoka was trying to compel them to make.

Their emotions cannot last under regularity. They need a figure as inflammatory and compelling as the Archbishop to move them. Their indignation at his deportation is by no means equal to the indignation to which he could move them if he were there or in Greece.

## Timid

They need the constant jogging of Eoka before they will do anything more than passively protect the terrorist when security forces seek him out.

A naturally timid people, the fact that British justice has not descended the island is gradually building up their confidence.

When the Street, the dark narrow street where so many British Servicemen have lost their lives, were gathered for

communal punishment you could see the fear of death in their faces. The relief that flooded across them when they learned that no heavier reprisal than the closing of some of the shops and houses for a short while was proposed was illuminating to see.

Sir John Harding, by pursuing a line of domestic embarrassment for a number rather than martyrdom for the few, is not only sticking to the only line of conduct of which the British could approve — but he is making a profound impression on Cyprus.

A young Greek sings the blood-stirring Eoka songs to me defiantly in the deserted moonlit street. He translates them and I notice with fascination that they depict the British as some fantastic medieval tyrant. The discrepancy between Eoka's description of the British soldier as "gauliters" (like jobbers) and the young Cypriots who stand defiantly of the door explaining the house has to be searched is becoming apparent to the dimmest Cypriot.

We listen to Athens radio, which, despite the jamming, can be heard reasonably clearly by tuning in slightly short of the station.

"Well, here we the ogres and suppressors that they are saying

are?" I challenge the Greek translating the tirade for me. He smiles. "No, we know you're not," he says.

In the village where two British soldiers have just lost their lives — a calf falls down a well. To whom do the villagers turn to get their calf out again — the British troops. And when the troops get tired of parading the village on foot who offered their donkeys for the troops to ride on? The Cypriot villagers.

In the village that was among the first to be fined some of the old people could not scruple to gather the few shillings of their share of the punishment; who helped them out? Three British sergeants passed round the hat and paid the fine for them.

British housewives shop along Ledra Street in Nicosia, changing their luck that an Eoka fanatic will pick them out — knowing that the vast number of Cypriots wish them no ill.

## Images

And yet how tragically wrong things can become. The little Greek boy dies in the arms of the British soldier who has accidentally shot him. The soldier cries because this was a nice, warm, mischievous little boy — not a Greek or a Turk, just a boy.

Contradictory and maddeningly as are the images and facts that emerge from this lovely island, it is no more than is to be expected. They are people choosing between the natural lies of blood combined often with the threat of blood now — and a supervising nation whom they know to be sympathetic and reasonable, but whose attitude is often too remote and righteous. They are a people, Greek and Turk, whom centuries of living together have not blended.

All they really want to do is to enjoy their rich land and sunshine in peace, but outside pressures will not let them rest, nor have they the confidence to believe they could become Cyprus — a small but prosperous nation within the Commonwealth.

## The answer

Time is the answer to the problem of ageless Cyprus. Time is what Sir John Harding hopes for with the removal of the Archbishop and the gradual improvement of his security system. Time is what Eoka is afraid of, with the enthusiasm of the people dwindling and the arms getting short.

For those who have seen, as I have, the miracles that even a few hours of time — between scenes of horror and the healing of them can bring — time is the answer, too.

# MONTGOMERY, THE OLD SOLDIER, TALKS ABOUT 'THE SACK'

By TOM POCOCK

Paris I'd just laugh. I have no military future, you know. Can't go any higher, can I?"

Norstad, I knew, had referred to the air-minded Montgomery as "the finest air marshal there is."

What did Montgomery think of Norstad?

"Finest airman in the world," he replied. Then precision came into his voice as he added: "No, I cannot say that. I don't fully know the Russian airman's quality. So I must say he is the finest airman in the Western world."

## HIS JOKE

THE field-marshal knitted his fingers together. "My present boss and I are like that. Very close. I see him when I want. I give him my ideas — one, two, three. I will do the same with General Norstad. That's what he wants — continually."

I saw Montgomery in his plainly furnished headquarters office here. On his wall, as General Norstad's wall, hangs a certificate of promotion to Admiral. In the Nebraska

Navy, a joke of which the Supreme Commander is particularly fond.

On a table stands a metal model of the giant American aircraft carrier Forrestal, significant because until recently Montgomery was conducting a campaign against ship-borne air power.

Even now that his views are modified he could remark slyly as he showed me the flight deck: "I lifted off the model to reveal the hangars below: 'Very useful that — I keep pins in it.'"

I had not seen him since the war. I had half-expected to find him a little shrunken, a little querulous, a little watery of eye.

But the Montgomery I saw could have been a vigorous man of 55. His years as C.I.G.S. and with the Western Union and NATO commands have given him charm and dignity.

He chatted gaily about Grace Kelly and Lady Docker and Fleet Street and his forthcoming tour of Canada.

And as he talked and joked, now serious, now flippant, I could see why his circle of friends ranges from the Pope

to Marshal Tito, and from Augustus John to Constance Moore.

Twelve years ago Bernard Shaw described Montgomery as "that intensely compacted hank of steel wire."

Since then his trust, astirring mind has broadened, and the portrait of Montgomery as history will see him is complete.

## SO DIRECT

MONTGOMERY has enemies — as he always has had — who say he is arrogant, overbearing, and rude. But his friends will call him self-confident, relentless, and direct.

As Gruenther's deputy he tours the NATO military commands, where he says: "I am blunt. I speak the truth. I tell them what I think. They take it from me." They take it from him because he is the only NATO general who has commanded more than a corps in action.

THEY TAKE IT because almost all his military prophecies have proved correct.

THEY TAKE IT because he has no personal axe to grind and has no further ambition.

"When I took on this job," Montgomery said to me, "I insisted that the British Government agree that under no circumstances — under no circumstances at all — would I be put forward as a possible supreme commander. I would not take the job. My place is in the background away from the hurly-burly."

When he is not visiting NATO forces in Europe and North America, Montgomery divides his time between Paris and London.

He is now staying at a Versailles hotel, keeps regular office hours and often eats simply in the officers' canteen. His relaxations are few. But now he has a new interest. A little shyly he admitted: "I am writing a book. A lot of generals and journalists have written about the war, you know. Quite a lot. Some have been very rude about me. Very rude. Now it is my turn. I am going to fire a last shot."

Montgomery grinned a little wolfishly and then added: "I shall have quite a story to tell one day. When I retire I shall have had 50 years in the Army."

Second-Lieutenant Bernard Montgomery joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1908. So it seems that the career of the soldier we remember best as "Good Old Monty" may have another two years to run.

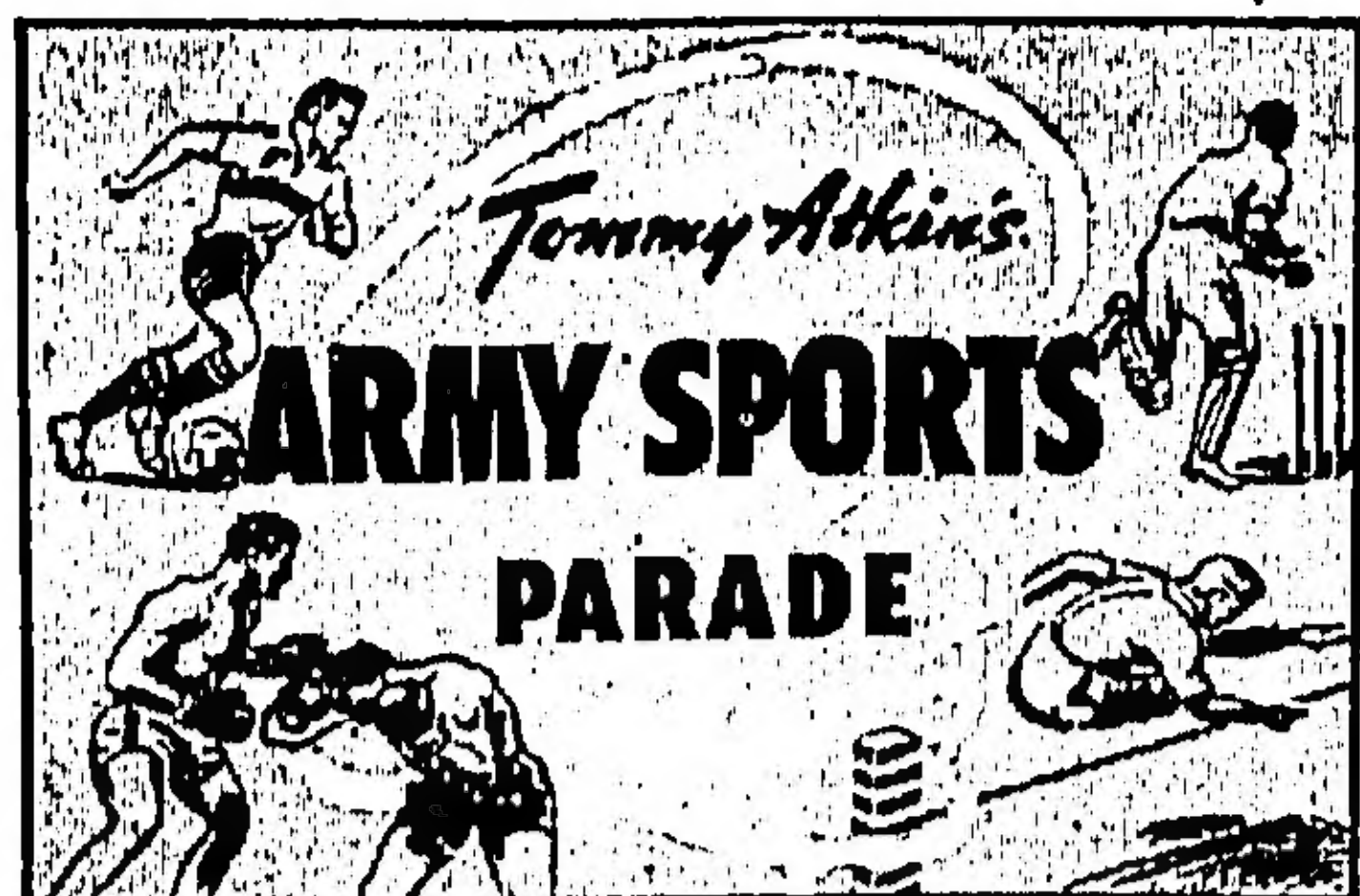












**Salute the Sappers.** This week we are delighted to welcome the football representatives of the 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade in token of their magnificent performance in winning the Caldbeck Cup at Kuala Lumpur and bringing the fine trophy back to Hongkong.

Away back in August 1955 when the soccer season was just around the corner we said that this might well be the Sappers' year and now that they have virtually been crowned FARELF Champions, I think we can claim some satisfaction from our efforts as long term tipsters.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to deny that they caused us to miss a heart beat or two along the way. Their frantic extra-time tussle with 11th Infantry Workshops, and then their most fantastic victory against 27 HAA Regt RA are moments we like to recall with our fingers crossed.

The Sappers can now look back on this season with the greatest of credit. They have claimed the highest honour in Far East regimental football and at the same time they have also made a more than generous contribution to Army and Colony soccer. Their victory is a moral in itself.

It is interesting to note that seven members of the team have played in Army representative colours during the season.

#### GOOD SERVICE

Sapper Melnes is of course the present Army captain, while Robinson, Dow, Sgt Chesterman (RAFC), Smith, Fowler and Hall are others who have given good service to the representative side.

Melnes has played many brilliant games for Hongkong and Robinson has also been selected for Colony recognition. These two, together with Sgt Chesterman, have also represented the Combined Services.

One of the most remarkable and pleasing features of the Sappers' success has been the enthusiastic support they have received from their Corps in the Colony.

The enthusiasm and encouragement of their officers and service colleagues have always been reflected in the play of the team, and few Royal Engineers will fail to recall with pleasure the side's gallant fight back against 27 HAA Regt in the semi-final, or the superb smooth-silk tussle they played when overwhining the North Staffs in the Hongkong final.

Their victory over the KOSB by four goals to one in the FARELF semi-final was another meritorious achievement, surpassed only by their final victory over the Hampshire Regiment in the final by five goals to four.

Indeed, Salute the Sappers.

Defying the summery weather, boxing clubs, the sporting limelight this week and there is certain to be tremendous Army interest in the Earl Haig Charity Show at the McPherson Stadium on Friday.

The Earl Haig Fund is one which is very close to the soldier and on its behalf our boxers are certain to give of their very best. That however is not enough. A similar wholehearted effort is required by spectators for even more important than the tussle of leather on flesh is the tussle of dollar bills in the till.

#### WORTHY CAUSE

The boxers have shown their willingness to do their bit for a truly worthy cause but without the whole hearted backing of the public the real charity object of the tournament cannot be achieved. Indications are that the public will not be found wanting and there is every reason to believe that the crowd will be worthy of the occasion.

The boxing will certainly be worthy of it, and is very hard to pick and choose between the various bouts. The match-makers have done a really good job and their thoughtful pairings seem to guarantee that skills and thrills will both be present in good measure.

My own particular fancy is for the Legerton-Rogers bout in the light-welterweight class.

These boys are no strangers to each other and while Legerton has the Colony and Land Forces titles in his keeping, he was forced to bow to Rogers who beat him in the FARELF Championships quite recently.

Rogers is one of the most improved boxers in these parts.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Yankees Gain Revenge On Chuck Stubbs

New York, Apr. 24.

The fast-starting New York Yankees gained revenge today on Chuck Stubbs of the Washington Senators, the only pitcher to beat them this season, when they breezed to a 4-1 victory at Yankee Stadium.

Blonde right-hander Johnny Kucks went the route for the Yankees with a seven-hitter to give the American League Champions their fourth straight win and sixth in the first seven games.

#### CANADA CUP MATCHES

### Sam Snead Accepts Invitation To Team With Ben Hogan

New York, Apr. 24.

Sam Snead today accepted an invitation to team with Ben Hogan to represent the United States in the International Golf Association Canada Cup matches at the Wentworth Club, Surrey, England, in June.

"I'll also try to stay over there for the British Open, which is played a week later at Hoylake," Snead told John Ray Hopkins, sponsor of the international matches which have attracted two-man teams from 26 nations.

The United States, which won the Canada Cup last year on play by Ed Furgal and Chuck Harbert, thus will be represented by two former British Open Champions. Snead won at St. Andrews in 1946 and Hogan at Carnoustie in 1953.

In the Canada Cup, the team with the low aggregate score for 72 holes is the winner. The International Golf Association trophy goes to the individual low scorer.

Hopkins also announced that Russia had declined an invitation to send a two-man team but acceptances had been received from 26 of the 28 countries invited.—United Press.

#### Holding The Fort

Fred Abbott and George Knight, two of the Salisbury team, were late for their Western League match at Barnstable on Good Friday because their car broke down. Their nine colleagues held on against odds and the match was a goalless draw. Again on Easter Monday Abbott and Knight were involved in another car accident—a different car too—but this time they arrived too late to play and reserves were substituted. Far away from this dual, Wiltshire car incident, up in Yorkshire four players of Hull Trinity United were delayed by a puncture, and their seven teammates held the fort for half an hour and another draw was managed.

#### Japanese Yachting Team For Burma

Tokyo, Apr. 24.

The Japan Yachting Association announced today that it will send a team of eight to Burma to compete against a Burmese national team in a four-day goodwill competition beginning on May 14.—France-Press.

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

Southpaw Stubbs, who notched a 7-3 decision over the Yankees at Washington last Thursday, pitched well for the seven innings he lasted today. But he served up a three-run homer to Hank Bauer in the fourth inning and a bases-empty homer to Yogi Berra in the seventh.

Kucks, who failed to go the distance in his first victory, was assisted today by five double plays, four of them by the same combination—Gil McDougald, Jerry Lumpe and Bill Skowron. The rookie Lumpe took part in all five d.p.s. to tie a major League record held by many shortstops.

Lampe, with nine assists and five putouts also came within three of the American League record for successful chances by a shortstop.

The Senators got their only run in the fifth inning on a

double by Karl Olson and a single by Jerry Snyder. With two out in the ninth inning, they threatened again on singles by Pete Runnels and Roy Sievers but Clint Courtney bounced to the box to end the game.

Stubbs was scored on in the fourth on singles by Joe Collins and Kucks and Bauer's second homer of the season just fell short of the foul line.

Berra drove his seventh inning homer, his fourth of the season, into the right field seats.

#### OTHER GAMES

Veteran Steve Grumek limited Kansas City to six hits while Bill Tuttle drove in four runs to lead Detroit to a 7-4 victory. Tuttle, Ray Boone and Rene Bertoia each homered for the Tigers.

The losing pitcher was Arnie Portocarrero, who gave up five runs in four innings.

Rain and cold weather caused postponement of the only other American League game scheduled between Boston and Baltimore.

Incident weather also caused postponement of National League games between Milwaukee and Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh and Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

Cincinnati was at St. Louis in a night game.—United Press.

## Oh! The Irony Of It

Sheffield Wednesday gain promotion from the Second Division to the First and Huddersfield Town are relegated to take their place in the lower class.

And what do we find? At the beginning of the season, Huddersfield got Ken McEvoy, Harry Shiner and Billy Stanforth to go to Wednesday in exchange for Bobby Marriott and Bill Conwell. Marriott and Conwell have not been able to command regular places in the unsuccessful Town eleven, and the other three are shining lights in the top-of-the-table Sheffield side!

## JUNIOR SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Colony Junior Sabre fencing championship was held at the European YMCA yesterday with C/Sgt Johns winning the title with six victories.

At the conclusion of the match Mr H. S. Mok, President of the Hongkong Amateur Fencing Association, presented the prizes to the winners.

Following are the results:

1. C/Sgt Johns (Army) 6 wins; 7. Jeraldo Carvalho (Sword Club) 20 points; 2. C/Sgt Johns (Army) 10 points; 3. David Lam (Red Team) 14 points.

Champion At Arms

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## FADED HOPES

Carigela Star thought they had won the Paisley Amateur League and well on the way to lifting the West of Scotland Cup when the blow fell. It was discovered that right-half Andrew Fulton was a professional with Ardeer Recreation for two months in 1951 and had never been reinstated. Twenty points have been deducted from the League record by the Association, and they have been disqualified from the Cup in which they had reached the semifinals.

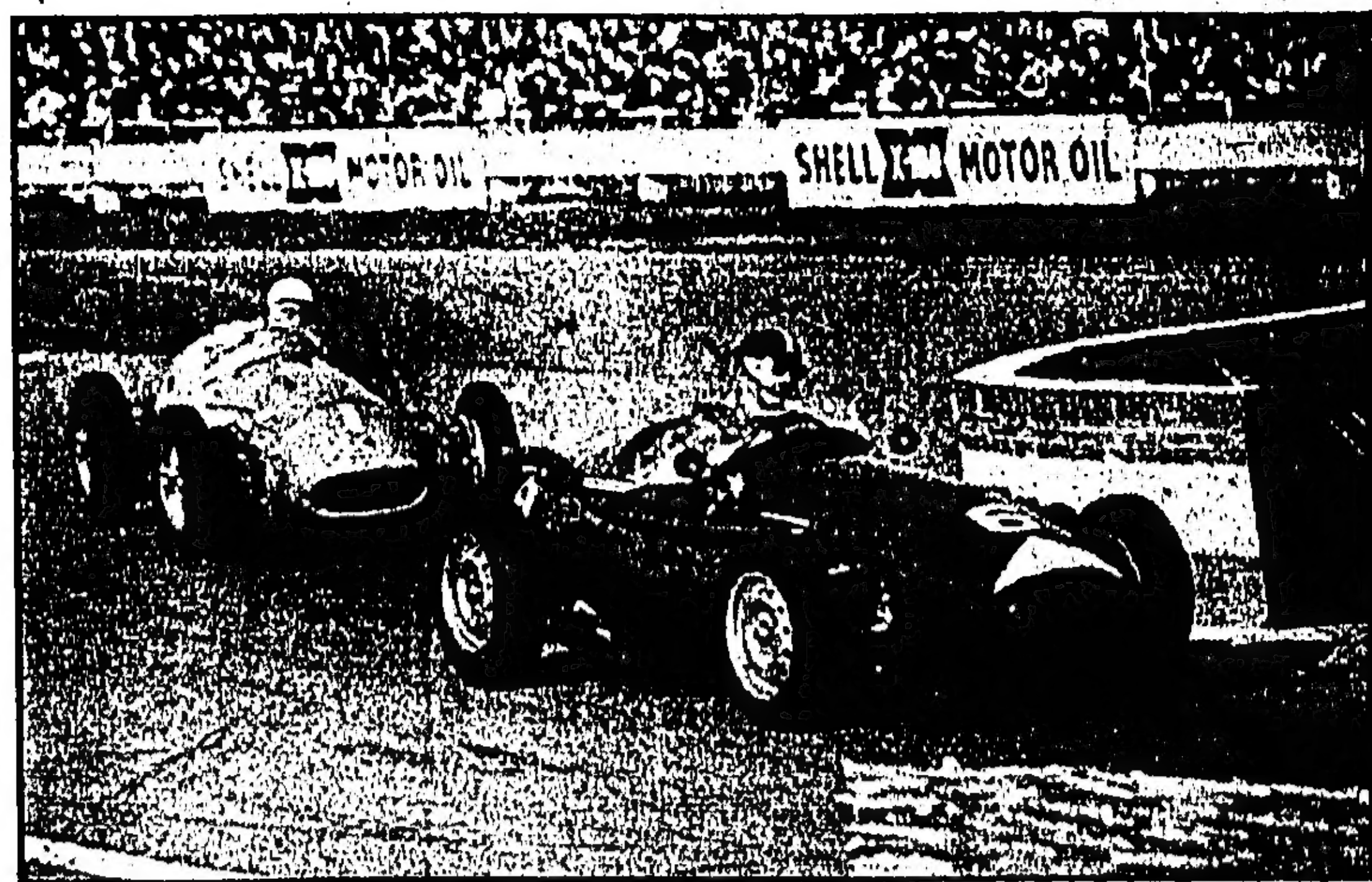
## WHAT A SURPRISE!

The Hull Junior Cup Final between Marshalls Sports Club and Bellhouse Working Men's Club was a 2-2 draw at full time. The sides could not have been more evenly matched. The game went for extra time and what a surprise! Bellhouse scored five times to win 7-2.

## Services Chess

There will be a Combined Services Chess match this evening at 7 p.m. in the Missions to Seamen. A team of ten players will meet a team from the Dutch Club.

## RICHMOND TROPHY RACE



A scene from the Richmond Trophy Race at Easter Monday's racing at Goodwood. Archie Scott-Brown leading Stirling Moss at a point in the race. — Central Express Photo.

## SPORTS ROUND-UP

# Archie Moore Wants Another Crack At Marciano's Heavyweight Crown

Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Champion, wants another crack at Rocky Marciano's Heavyweight crown. Says Moore, who was knocked out by Marciano in the ninth round of their title bout last September 21: "September 21 would be a nice time to meet Marciano—and it won't be any anniversary waltz." Moore dismissed talk about Marciano retiring as being "just to drum up interest."

Ron Barton, British Light-Heavyweight Champion, will fight Canadian fisherman Gordon Wallace over 15 rounds for the vacant Empire title at Clapton, London, on June 19.

Wallace had two fights in Britain last year. He knocked out Randolph Turpin in four rounds in October and two months later outpointed Terence Murphy of Canning Town over 10 rounds.

John Simpson, manager of British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell, and his No. 1 challenger Jack Gardner, is to retire from boxing on medical advice, after his two principals have fought for the British title at Leicester on May 28.

Don Revie, of Manchester City and England, the man behind the "Revie Plan," will be in the City party for special Cup Final training. But last season's "Footballer of the Year" doesn't feel he should play. "Naturally I would love to be at Wembley again," says Don. "But the present team has been good enough to get the club to the final, and if I played, it would mean one of the lads who has done the spadework would have to drop out."

Ken Rosewall, Australia's 21-year-old lawn tennis star, will win Wimbledon this year. That is the forecast of Dan Maskell, former British Davis Cup player and now training manager to the Lawn Tennis Association. Maskell gives as his reasons for this choice his belief that Rosewall's ambition has grown, "that his class is obvious and, most important of all, his apprenticeship to greatness is now thoroughly served."

Peter Thomson, Australian holder of the British Open Championship has taken the unusual step of asking for a special caddy for this year's Open at Hoylake. The caddy is Wallace Gillespie who carried



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ST PETER'S STATUE 1,000 YEARS  
OLDER THAN  
WAS THOUGHT

Rome, Apr. 24.  
The bronze statue of Saint Peter  
whose right foot is kissed by thousands of  
pilgrims visiting the Apostle's great  
Basilica here every year, is one thousand  
years older than hitherto believed.

The statue, life-size, shows  
Saint Peter, the first Pope,  
seated in a cathedra. In his  
left hand, he holds the Keys of  
Heaven. The right hand is  
raised in the gesture of benediction  
which has become tradi-  
tional down the centuries.

## Fascinating Story

Until now, the statue had been  
most commonly attributed to the  
great 13th century Florentine  
sculptor and architect, Arnolfo  
di Cambio.

But according to Professor  
Carlo Cecchielli, Reader in  
Christian Archaeology in the  
University of Rome, the statue  
is certainly not the work of  
Arnolfo or of any other  
medieval artist.

It belongs, he says, to the  
fourth century of the Christian  
era, to the days when Chris-  
tians were being persecuted by  
the Roman Emperors after three  
centuries of persecution.

The story behind this theory  
is a fascinating one, in which  
chance and patient research  
each played a part and which  
links Italy to a remote corner  
of North India.

## Absence Of Halo

As far back as 1937, Professor  
Cecchielli asserted that the  
bronze statue in Saint Peter's  
Basilica must be a work of late  
antiquity. In an authoritative  
chapter of his work on the  
Basilica, the first volume of a  
projected series on Papal  
topography, he reached this  
conclusion on stylistic grounds alone.

He stressed, for example, that  
the position of the fingers  
corresponded to that recom-  
mended by classical writers for  
canonists. Its adaptation as a  
sign of benediction, as now  
practised by Church dignitaries,  
came later.

Further, the form of the keys,  
the absence of a halo, the cut of  
the hair and beard, all pointed  
to a statue cast on classical  
lines.

The attribution to Arnolfo, the  
architect of the great tower on  
the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence,  
which still bears his name, ap-  
peared to Professor Cecchielli  
particularly ill-founded.

The Florentine master, work-  
ing in the tradition of re-  
naissance sculpture, characterised  
his sculpture and found full ex-  
pression in the unadorned  
solidity of his Tower, showed in  
none of his work the delicacy  
of moulding and the minuteness  
of detail found in the Vatican  
statue.

## Signed Work

His statue of Charles of  
Anjou, for example, now in the  
Museo del Conservatori in  
Rome, shows the rigid treatment  
he accorded to a similar figure  
and pose, says Professor  
Cecchielli.

Moreover, the bronze Saint  
Peter is unsigned, whereas  
Arnolfo always signed his work;  
and the metal itself, a silver  
bronze alloy, was rarely used  
in the 13th century, and then  
only for casting bells.

Professor Cecchielli concluded  
that the statue was commis-  
ioned by one of the noble families  
of Rome in the fourth century,  
the Probi Anicii, and placed in  
their mausoleum near the  
oratory of Saint Martin behind  
Saint Peter's Basilica.

Both the oratory and the  
Mausoleum were demolished by  
Pope Nicholas V during re-  
construction work in the year  
1453. Before that time, the  
Professor believes, the statue  
had been transferred to the  
Basilica and had become an ob-  
ject of veneration.

The 18th century humanist,  
Marco Veroli, in his treatise  
"On Remarkable Antiquities in  
the Basilica of Saint Peter,"  
says that "no place in the  
Basilica, except the High Altar,  
did such a concourse of people  
assemble for devotion."

## Since Lost

Six years after the publication  
of his article, Professor  
Cecchielli's deductions received  
dramatic proof. An American  
researcher, Mr Benjamin Row-  
land Jr, drew the attention of  
scholars to a small statue found  
among the ruins of a Buddhist  
monastery at Charsada, in  
India's North West Frontier  
Province, in the shadow of the  
Khyber Pass.

The statuette had since been  
lost, but photographs were  
preserved in the archives of the  
India Office. Without any doubt,  
the small figure was a copy of  
the bronze statue of Saint Peter  
in the Basilica in Rome.

The curly hair and beard, the  
fall of the robe, the position of  
the limbs, even the small strip  
of cord binding the Keys held  
by the Saint—all are faithfully  
reproduced by the copy from the  
Roman original.

The statuette was probably  
carried to India by Syrians who  
revived Byzantine commerce

with the East. Their caravans  
ranged far over the countries of  
the Near and Middle East, and  
lamps manufactured in Rome,  
for example, have been found  
in Siam.

The great monasteries of  
Charsada were practically wiped  
out in the fifth century AD by  
invasions of White Huns from  
the North; and, as Rowland  
wrote, "there was a darkening  
in the West; the rising cloud of  
Islam closed for ever the road  
to Byzantium and Rome."

This dating of the copy of  
the statue to a period not later  
than the middle of the fifth  
century proved the prior  
existence of the original in  
Rome.

## New Evidence

With new evidence from the  
"Grotto Vaticana" under the  
Altar of Saint Peter's Basilica  
and the proof of his earlier  
theories, afforded by the dis-  
covery of the Charsada statuette,  
Professor Cecchielli was able to  
date the bronze statue in the  
Basilica to the middle of the  
fourth century AD.

## Ageless Majesty

On June 29, the Feast of  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,  
thousands of pilgrims will enter  
the great Basilica under a net  
of myrtle boughs, to remind  
them that Saint Peter, Prince  
of the Apostles and first Pope,  
who became a "fisher of men,"  
was a fisherman from Galilee.  
And in the ageless majesty of  
the statue, fashioned by un-  
known hands, they will now be  
able to see a link with the Im-  
perial Rome in which the Saint  
lived, and died, for Christianity.  
—China Mail Special

Albert Hall  
Rally

With Lady Churchill at his  
side, Sir Winston Churchill  
speaks at the Primrose League  
Rally at the Royal Albert Hall,  
London. Lady Churchill, who  
like Sir Winston wears a  
bunch of primroses in her  
lapel, had returned from her  
cruise to Ceylon only a few  
hours earlier.—Reuterphoto.

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Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
6 p.m.

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Macao, 6 p.m.

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By Surface  
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JOBS FOR  
BOYS WITH  
PIMPLES

Tokyo, Apr. 24.  
A motor company in the city  
of Kumamoto, Kyushu, is offer-  
ing jobs to young men with  
pimples and broad nails, and  
who like their tea and baths  
lukewarm.

Officials of the company say  
that long experience has con-  
vinced them that the attributes  
which add up to make the ideal  
employee are:

- 1 A round face and gener-  
ously distributed flesh—guarantee  
a reliable character.
- 2 Pimples—indicate health  
and a cheerful disposition.
- 3 Broad nails and a liking  
for lukewarm water—reflect  
generosity, diligence, endurance  
and a broad mind.—China Mail  
Special.

Board Of Review  
Is Ordered To  
Amend Case

Two motions seeking amendments to be  
made to a case stated by a Board of Review relat-  
ing to an appeal against its findings by the  
British American Tobacco Company (Hongkong)  
Ltd., were heard by Mr Justice C. W. Reece,  
Senior Puisne Judge in the Supreme Court this  
morning.

His Lordship made an order for the case to be  
sent back for amendment in terms of an order to  
be drawn by Counsel and approved by the Court,  
with liberty to both sides to apply if and when  
required. Costs to be in cause.

The first motion was by the  
appellants, British American  
Tobacco Co (Hongkong) Ltd.,  
of Gloucester Road, and was  
for an order that the case  
stated be sent back to the  
Board of Review for amend-  
ment as being deficient in 10  
particulars.

The second motion by the  
respondent, the Commissioner of  
Inland Revenue, was for an  
order that the case stated be  
sent back to the Board of Re-  
view for amendment as being  
inaccurate in a certain par-  
ticular.

Appellants were represented  
by Mr John McNeill, QC, and  
Mr D. A. L. Wright, both  
instructed by Mr H. J. Arm-  
strong of Messrs Deacons.

Mr Simon S. F. Li, Crown  
Counsel, appeared for the  
Commissioner of Inland  
Revenue.

## TWO MOTIONS

Mr McNeill said that the  
substantive appeal was not in-  
tended to be argued before his  
Lordship this morning. There  
were two motions before the  
Court, one filed on behalf of  
his clients, the other on behalf  
of the Commissioner of Inland  
Revenue.

Counsel said that there was  
an appeal from the Commis-  
sioner before the Board of Re-  
view by his clients on April 4,  
1955, and the Board gave its de-  
cision. He said there was a pro-  
vision in the Inland Revenue  
Ordinance for appeals from de-  
cisions of Boards of Review to  
be brought before the Supreme  
Court.

Mr McNeill said that the  
Commissioner agreed with him  
that the case which was so  
stated by the Board of Review

and which was now before the  
Court was so defective that it  
would be impossible for any  
Court to hear the matter of law  
on the case, being remarkable  
for its omissions and also for the  
contradictory statements which  
were made.

His Lordship remarked that  
he had read the record thorow-  
ly and it struck him that the  
case stated was not a model of  
clarity.

Continuing, Mr McNeill said  
that the ground of appeal were  
shortly that in respect of certain  
matters there was no evidence  
to justify such finding by the  
Board of Review, and that that  
was a question of law; and whether the Board was correct  
in law.

He said that on several  
occasions the Supreme Court  
had commented on the insuffi-  
ciency of cases which had been  
stated and Counsel referred the  
Court to an appeal by Johnson  
and Company against the Com-  
missioner heard before the late  
Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

## POINT OF LAW

One of the points of law to  
be raised by Counsel would be  
whether the Board could over-  
rule the Commissioner on a  
finding of fact against which  
the appellants did not plead and  
which was not raised by the  
Commissioner. Counsel said it  
was taken by the Board on its  
own initiative.

Citing an example of alleged  
omission in the case stated, Mr  
McNeill said that while the  
Board of Review found certain  
omissions of the parties, it did not  
set out the main contentions  
or else had mistaken them.

Counsel said that appellants' motion which was dated January  
11, 1956, was a motion that the  
case be sent back to the Board  
of Review for amendment as  
being deficient, and Counsel re-  
cited the 10 particulars attached  
to the motion.

Mr McNeill said that he would  
argue in the substantive appeal  
that if that is what the Board  
of Review found that the  
contracts were not made in US,  
there was no evidence in  
which it could reach its decision.  
He said that there were two  
businesses quite separate and  
distinct, one taxable and the  
other not taxable. If the Board  
insisted in saying there was only  
one business it had to ascertain  
whether that part of the  
business which they were  
dealing with was making profits  
taxable in Hongkong.

## INAPPLICABLE

Mr McNeill said that from the  
very beginning, from his appeal  
to the Commissioner, continuing  
to his appeal to the Board of  
Review, it had never been con-  
tested by the Commissioner of  
Inland Revenue that section 81  
was applicable to the circum-  
stances.

Counsel said that he believed  
he was right in saying that  
Crown Counsel would not con-  
test the substance of his  
motion, that is, that the case  
should be sent back for amend-  
ment. He asked the Court for  
an order that the case be sent  
back to the Board in terms of  
appellants' motion and that the  
order should be drawn up by  
Counsel. The Board should also  
be directed to amend as re-  
quired within a time limit.

Mr Simon Li said that he was  
moving for an order to amend  
the case stated with specific  
reference to the last two points  
of page 2 of the case stated, which  
had already been referred to by  
his learned friend.

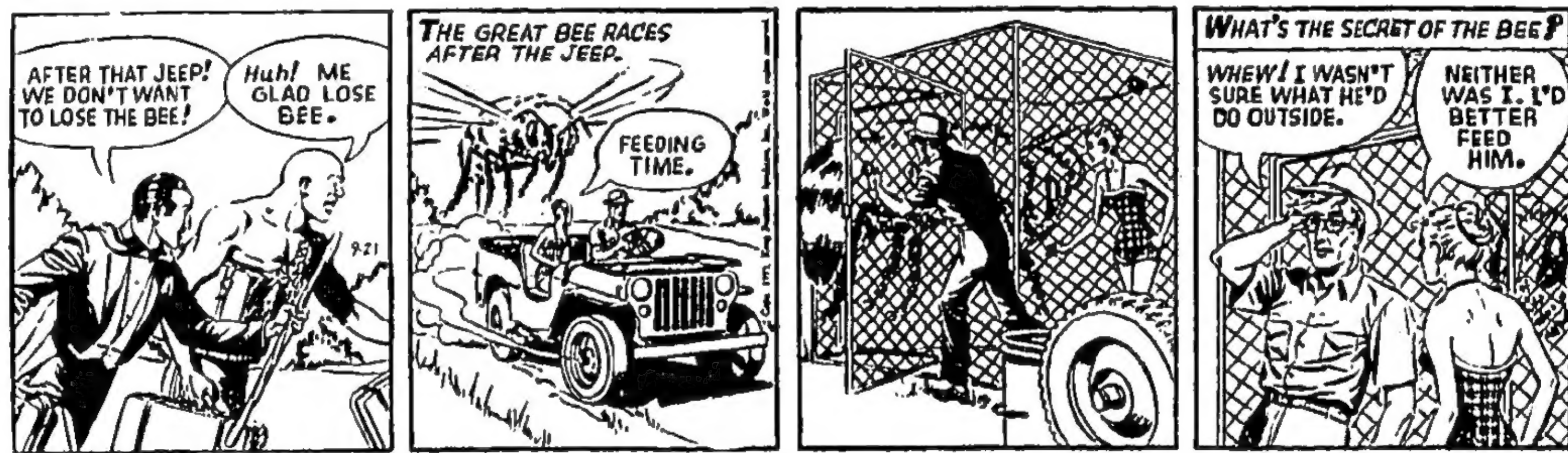
Crown Counsel referred the  
Court to an affidavit by Mr  
Derby filed on April 20, 1956,  
which he read. Mr Li said that  
that was the gist of his con-  
tention before the Board and he  
thought that Mr McNeill had  
conceded that that was a very  
much disputed point. He said  
that these six lines might be  
argued either way, the only  
thing that was certain was that  
the Board had missed his point  
that the contracts were made in  
the US.

Referring to appellants' motion,  
Mr Li submitted that there was  
a double-barrelled question in  
question 3. The whole issue of the  
Commissioner's case, was that  
there was no contract between  
the Export Leaf Tobacco Co.,  
company and the British American  
Tobacco Company. He sub-  
mitted that the Board had been  
completely taken in by that  
question and had avoided the  
issue.

Mr Li said that he supported  
Mr McNeill's application in  
substance and did not propose to  
contest it.

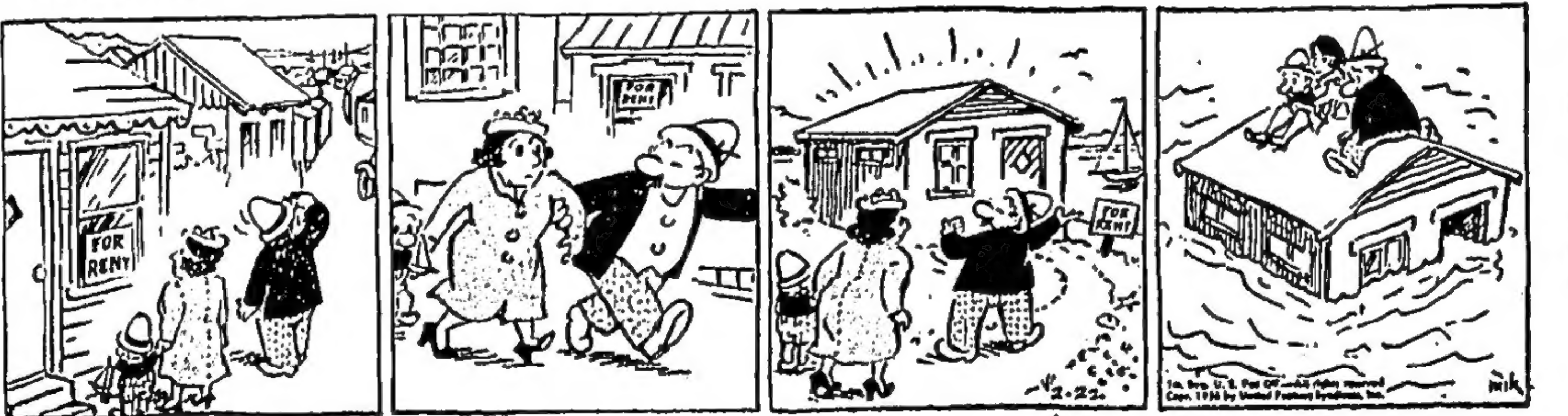
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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## N.Z., Too, Fights Inflation

### 'CHEAP MONEY' ERA HAS ENDED

Wellington, Apr. 24.

Recent major moves in Government financial policy have served as a reminder to New Zealanders, now enjoying an unprecedented high standard of living, that prosperity must always be dogged by its twin spectre, inflation.

To reinforce the effects of a stringent credit "squeeze," the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. T. Woods, has appreciably raised interest rates and brought to an end a 20-year-old era of "cheap money."

The Minister's immediate aim was to secure the conversion of maturing loans worth almost £50,000,000. His decision to "meet the market" would have been prompted to a large extent by the less than satisfactory response to last year's national development loan of £10,000,000.

#### Govt Pleading

The rates offered on that development were distinctly disadvantageous as compared with the average yields on comparable stocks.

After much earnest pleading by the Government, which needed the money for the works programme, the subscription lists were nearly filled, mainly from patriotic motives.

The pursuance of a cheap money policy after access to credit had been restricted was maintained, which Mr. Woods has now demitted. In doing so, according to the New Zealand Herald, he has recognised the superior logic of the Reserve Bank's attitude to interest rates, as opposed to that held by the Treasury.

The bank has been seeking flexible rates to support the statutory reserve ratios as instruments for controlling credit, while the Treasury has been primarily concerned to keep down the interest bill—at present about £20,000,000—on the public debt. With this broader view of the problem, the Reserve Bank has now won the day.

#### Encourage Savings

While the immediate motive behind the raising of interest rates was the implementation of the biggest loan conversion programme in the Dominion's history, it must also be viewed in a wider perspective.

In the Minister's words, the Government's intention is "to encourage savings instead of spending." Too many people, he told the nation in a "round-the-fire" broadcast, are acquiring too many things on too much credit instead of using saved money to buy them.

The spending spree has resulted in the flooding of New Zealand's overseas reserves to a dangerous level. To correct this disequilibrium, the credit "squeeze" was imposed, and the raising of interest rates has completed the abandonment of the cheap money policy.

In the main, the curb on expenditure must be at the expense of consumer goods and such items as motorcars, refrigerators and washing machines.

But the Government has also announced its intention of keeping a tight rein on investment, particularly in relation to its own spending.

#### Essential Works

New Zealand's rate of investment must necessarily remain high in order to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding population.

Essential works such as roads, schools and hydro-electric schemes must go on, though, strict regard will be paid to priorities. With this in mind, the Government aims at reviewing its whole programme of capital expenditure.

A similar check will be kept on private investment will be kept by the Capital Issues Committee, which must approve each major project and decide its priority.

#### Three Objectives

The Government's overall objective is threefold:

★ First, it seeks full employment without excessive labour shortages.

★ Second, it is striving to balance external receipts and payments without im-

posing quantitative restrictions on imports, and

★ Third, it hopes to maintain "a reasonably stable internal price level" with a minimum of direct controls.

The last of these aspects, price stability, was achieved during the second half of 1955. In that period, the cost of living index remained steady, while there was an average weekly rise of almost ten shillings in wages. This condition was in danger of being undermined by the spending spree, however, but the Government hopes to preserve it through the recent monetary measures.

To effect the desired balance in the overseas trading position Mr. Woods estimates that it will be necessary to reduce imports by about ten per cent.

British manufacturers will be the chief sufferers. The aim is to achieve the reduction purely through the operation of the credit policy, without imposing direct restrictions.

#### Cries Of Distress

The Government's approach to the general problem created by over-spending has on the whole been favourably received. The credit squeeze provoked cries of distress from those more immediately affected, but the conversion programme and the raising of interest rates has met with almost universal approbation.

The effectiveness of these measures in dealing with the situation will be watched with much interest in the months ahead—not only in New Zealand, but overseas as well.—China Mail Special.

## London Market

### Active But Cautious

London, Apr. 24. Traders turned cautious and stocks closed fractionally lower in fairly active trading on the London Exchange today.

Nearly all sections joined the decline, with losses running to a stalling among leading industrial shares as Rolls-Royce and Unilever. Profit-taking was seen in the oil stocks. Royal Dutch led on the downside, losing about 11, while British Petroleum dropped nearly three shillings.

British Government stocks eased in the face of expected heavy borrowing by the Treasury, losses ran to £5/10 in War Loan.

Anglo-Argentine Tramways debentures jumped £3 on speculative buying.

German bonds scored scattered gains but Japanese were idle and featureless in a quiet foreign bond market.

Gold shares closed firm and copper were steady. Dollar stocks were irregular.—United Press.

## LONDON METAL PRICES

The tin market was steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	750	750 1/2
Copper 3-month	750	750 1/2
Copper 3-month	361	362
Lead 2nd half April 1956	113 1/2	114 1/2
Lead 2nd half July 1956	113 1/2	114 1/2
Zinc 2nd half April 1956	97 1/2	98 1/2
Zinc 2nd half July 1956	97 1/2	98 1/2

—United Press.

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

	Lead	Tin	Zinc	Copper
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